



SOUTH AMERICA: In central Argentina, widespread rain (10-50 mm) boosted soil moisture for vegetative winter wheat in Buenos Aires and La Pampa. In southern Sante Fe, scattered rain (10-70 mm) also favored winter wheat. Temperatures averaged near normal through central Argentina, with local patchy frost reported in Buenos Aires. In northern Argentina, temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees above normal, with the highest temperatures ranging from 30 to 37 degrees C. According to the Argentine Agriculture Secretariat as of August 25, winter wheat planting was nearing completion. Sunflower planting was underway in northern Argentina. In southern Brazil, rain (25-60 mm) was confined to Rio Grande do Sul, benefiting wheat in the east. Elsewhere in southern Brazil, mostly dry weather reduced soil moisture for vegetative to reproductive winter wheat. Temperatures averaged 3 to 6 degrees C above normal, increasing crop water use.